

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

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A RESOLUTION to urge the United States Congress to reject the measure adopted by the City Council of the District of Columbia relative to recognition of same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, the City Council of the District of Columbia approved legislation to legally recognize same-sex marriages performed in those states where it is lawful; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, under Title VI of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, is authorized to exercise its constitutional authority as legislature for the District by enacting legislation for the District on any subject, including legislation to amend or repeal any law in force in the District prior to or after enactment of any act passed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Home Rule Charter enacted by the United States Congress, provides that the Congress, in order to reject a law passed by the City Council, must pass a joint resolution of disapproval within thirty days; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges the United States Congress to pass a joint resolution of disapproval of the bill adopted by the City Council of the District of Columbia to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere and thus, prevent the proposed law from taking effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate; and to each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.